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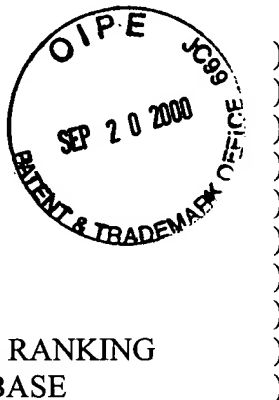
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of June 12, 2000, the period for response being extended through October 12, 2000, by the filing of a petition for a one month extension of time and the corresponding fee herewith, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7, 9-15, 26, 27, and 29-33 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 18-25 and 28 as follows:

18. (Twice amended) A computer implemented method of [ranking] scoring a plurality of linked documents, comprising:

obtaining a plurality of [linked] documents, at least some of the documents being linked documents, at least some of the documents being linking documents, and at least some of the documents being both linked documents and linking documents, each of the linked documents

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